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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP: REVIEW OF WHO/UN RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT

1. IN IMPLEMENTATION OF GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) WORKING PARTY ON UN/SPECIALIZED AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS, MISSION OFFICERS LAWRENCE AND BINDA MET WITH WHO OFFICIALS SACHS (INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND POLICY), GUTTERIDGE (LEGAL ADVISER) AND COHEN (PLANNING). OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IN DISCUSSION WERE WHO VIEWPOINTS RESPONSIVE TO GROUP OF 77'S EFFORTS IN 57TH ECOSOC AND ELSEWHERE TO RESTRUCTURE UN SYSTEM IN ORDER IMPLEMENT SPECIAL PROGRAM OF ACTION AND NEW ECONOMIC ORDER.

2. ON THE WHOLE, NO NEW CONCEPTS OR APPROACHES WERE BROUGHT OUT AND THE DISCUSSION WAS RATHER UNSTRUCTURED AND DETAILED. IT IS CLEAR THAT WHO, LIKE OTHER SAS, IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SPECIAL GA AND ECOSOC AND

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ITS BASIC POSITION CONTINUES TO BE THAT THERE IS NO NEED

OR DESIRABILITY FOR CHANGES IN THE RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS. ALTHOUGH A GREATER DEGREE OF PRACTICAL SYSTEM-WIDE COORDINATION SHOULD BE POSSIBLE, THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED UNDER AGREEMENTS AS THEY NOW EXIST. SOME OF THE POINTS MADE BY WHO OFFICIALS WERE THE FOLLOWING:

A. WHO, OWING TO SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF ITS CONSTITUTION (ARTICLE 56 - THE FIRST CLAUSE) AND ITS RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT WITH UN (ARTICLE XV, PARA 2), IS MORE VULNERABLE TO CENTRALIZING EFFORTS THAN OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

B. THE LEADERSHIP SITUATION NOW EXISTING IN THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IS ONE IN WHICH MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND HARMONIZATION WOULD HAVE GREATER CHANCE OF SUCCESS THAN IN THE PAST. THE NEW DGS OF WHO, ILO AND UNESCO SHOULD BE AND, IT IS BELIEVED, ARE MORE AMENABLE TO CHANGE THAN THEIR PREDECESSORS. AGENCY LEADERSHIP IS AWARE OF THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL AND A DETERMINED EFFORT AT A SERIOUS RATIONALIZATION OF ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN EXISTING AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE.

C. THE UN ITSELF, WITH UNIDO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNICEF, UNEP, UNFPA, UNFPA, UNFPA, UNFPA, ETC. REPRESENTS THE BIGGEST COORDINATION PROBLEM AND AN EFFORT BY THE ECOSOC AND THE SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO "RATIONALIZE" THE UN STRUCTURE MIGHT WELL BE UNDERTAKEN BEFORE TRYING TO TACKLE A FUNDAMENTAL REORGANIZATION OF THE OVERALL UN SYSTEM.

D. US DEL AND OTHER GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO ERECTING A BULWARK AGAINST RADICAL CHANGE IN AGENCY RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS IN UPCOMING EX BD AND 28TH WHA. BY STRENGTHENING DG'S HAND IN FURTHER EFFORTS AT RATIONALIZATION OF INTER-AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN EXISTING AGREEMENTS IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, SIMULTANEOUSLY, REDUCE PRESSURE FOR CHANGES IN AGREEMENTS WHILE IMPROVING COORDINATION.

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